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LOUISIANA AUGUST 1 CROP PROSPECTS

The August 1 crop prospects for Louisiana indicate that only one major crop will have a yield higher than last year, while all other crop yields are down slightly, according to Dave Frank, State Statistician for the Louisiana Agricultural Statistics Service. The following are prospects for the major crops:

CORN production is forecast at 37.4 million bushels, down 6 percent from a year ago. Acreage harvested for grain is forecast at 340,000, up 3 percent from 1999. Yield per acre at 110 bushels, is down 11 bushels from last year.

COTTON production is forecast at 1.05 million bales, up 17 percent from 1999. Acreage for harvest at 730,000 is 120,000 acres more than last year. Yield per acre at 690 pounds is 19 pounds less than in 1999.

RICE production at 24.3 million cwt is down 21 percent from 1999. Rice planted and harvested acreage was revised to 500,000 and 495,000 acres, respectively. This was a decrease of 40,000 harvested acres from the June 1 estimate. Yield per acre is forecast at 4,900 pounds per acre, 100 pounds less than in 1999.

SORGHUM production is forecast at 16.4 million bushels, compared to 19.2 million bushels last year. Acreage harvested for grain is forecast at 205,000, which is down 13 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 80 bushels per acre, a decrease of 2 bushels from last year's record yield.

SOYBEAN production is forecast at 23.4 million bushels, down 12 percent from a year ago. Acreage for harvest is forecast at 900,000, down 9 percent from 1999. Yield, forecast at 26 bushels per acre, is 1 bushel less than in 1999.

Another record year for SUGARCANE. Sugarcane production for sugar and seed is forecast at 16.2 million net tons, up 6 percent from the highest recorded production in 1999. If realized, this will be the highest acreage, yield, and production ever recorded in the State. Yield per acre is forecast at 33 net tons, up 0.3 net ton from last year, and the highest yield ever recorded in the State. Recording of acreage, yield, and production began in 1909. Louisiana has become the number 1 state in the nation in both acreage and production.

ALL HAY production is forecast at 561,000 tons, down 38 percent from a year ago. Acreage for harvest is forecast at 330,000, down 50,000 acres from 1999. Yield at 1.7 tons per acre is down 0.7 ton from 1999. This will be the lowest yield in 34 years, when Louisiana produced 1.64 tons per acre.

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CROP	LOUISIANA						UNITED STATES					
	ACRES FOR HARVEST	YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		ACRES FOR HARVEST	YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION	
	IND. 2000	UNIT	FINAL 1999	AUG 2000	UNIT	AUG 2000	IND. 2000	UNIT	FINAL 1999	AUG 2000	UNIT	AUG 2000
	Thousand				-----Thousand-----		Thousand				-----Thousand-----	
Corn, (grain)	340	bushels	121	110	bushels	37,400	73,059	bushels	133.8	141.9	bushels	10,369,369
Upland Cotton	730	pounds	709	690	bales	1,050	14,007	pounds	595	642	bales	18,740
Rice	495	pounds	5,000	4,900	cwt	24,255	3,205	pounds	5,908	6,184	cwt	198,207
Sorghum (grain)	205	bushels	82	80	bushels	16,400	8,315	bushels	69.7	69.5	bushels	577,831
Soybeans	900	bushels	27	26	bushels	23,400	73,474	bushels	36.5	40.7	bushels	2,988,669
Sugarcane (sugar & seed)	490	net tons	32.7	33	net tons	16,170	1,020.4	net tons	35.5	35.8	net tons	36,523
Hay, All	330	tons	2.4	1.7	tons	561	38,424	tons	1.92	1.94	tons	74,459

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